This Matter of Sin (Part I)

Recently I had a profound experience with the Lord. This is only the second time this has happened to me and it was quite powerful. I need to share some of it with you because it is the answer to a ongoing prayer request I have been making that will benefit all who are seeking a deeper relationship with Christ.

Before I get into it I would like to say two things. First, I am of the opinion that anyone who gets revelation from God and does not share it is being selfish and greedy. I believe part of the reason that God allows me these glimpses is specifically because I share them with the body in my own modest ministry. If you are abiding in Christ He is revealing things to you, it comes with the relationship. Please consider sharing them with others if you aren't already. Secondly, I do not claim any relationship with Christ that is not available to anyone who seeks His face and is willing to pay the price. Yes, I have a special relationship with Christ, but the fact is that we all do.

> **Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.**
> **Isaiah 1:18 (KJV)**

This matter I have been seeking God on is regarding sin. I am asking God to show me how He feels about sin, to make me to understand *His attitude about it*. God has helped me to overcome in many areas of my life, but just when we think we are doing pretty good He always seems to show us other things that are not pleasing to Him. I want to have sin in proper perspective, that is, I want to take it as seriously as it needs to be, but at the other extreme not beat myself up needlessly when I do stumble.

Both experiences I had were answers to this prayer request. I held back from writing about it after the first one because I sensed the message was not complete. The best way I can describe it is Christ actually giving me a glimpse into His heart on this matter of sin. Not through words spoken to my heart as He usually does, but He made me to actually feel his sorrow. It was like a whole piece of His heart were dropped into me all at once. I pray now that He gives me the words to express to you plainly the impression He gave me of His heart on this matter of sin.

> **If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
> **1 John 1:8-9 (KJV)**

For Christ our sins are simply the result of our inherent sin nature. He paid the full price for every sin we ever have or ever will commit. He understands that we are flesh and are susceptible to temptation and to stumble and sin. Let me be clear, this is in no way an attempt to minimalize sin and the dire consequences of living in it. The wages of sin is death (**Romans 6:23** KJV).

> **And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God**

amongst the trees of the garden.
Genesis 3:8 (KJV)

What God wants us all to know is this: The real tragedy of sin is not the sin itself, but the resulting separation from God. You see, God didn't create us just so we could get riches and mansions and crowns in glory. All of that is available to those that are His, but are merely the benefits of the true purpose of our existence; To walk with God, to have fellowship with Him and to do His will.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.
Matthew 7:21-23 (KJV)

Part of my experience was a deep sense of the sorrow of Christ, so deeply felt that it brought me to tears. His sorrow is this, a people who call themselves by His Name, but in their hearts want nothing to do with Him. They do not know Him, and tragically they don't want to know him. They have not the slightest interest in knowing Him, in developing a personal relationship with Him. They don't really care that their relationship with God is disrupted by sin, because they have no relationship to begin with.

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